

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending.

The specification has been amended to incorporate by reference the international application from which the present application is based.

The claims have been amended to delete multiple claim dependencies. New claims 15-17 have been added.

In view of the foregoing, early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Parkhurst", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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